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TO

Amend the Law relating to Hand-loom Weavers in Ireland. A.D. 1895.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 5 **1.** From and after the commencement of this Act, when any manufacturer of linen goods gives out to a hand-loom weaver materials to be woven into a piece of linen, he shall at the same time deliver to such weaver a printed or written contract note, stating the name of the manufacturer, the name of the weaver, the date of the contract, the description of the linen to be woven,
10 on the price for each length of fifty yards.

Such contract note shall provide that no piece shall be woven in pursuance of the contract exceeding a length of fifty yards by more than one yard.

- 15 Any contract for the hand-loom weaving of linen which does not comply with the provisions of this Act shall, notwithstanding the part performance thereof, be void if the hand-loom weaver so elects; and if he so elects to declare such contract void, no money paid or advanced to him in part performance of such contract shall be
20 recoverable at law.

2. Any fit and proper person may make application to the local authority of any district to be appointed inspector of linen for the district; and the local authority may from time to time appoint such inspector, and may remove him from office at their discretion.

- 25 An inspector may at all reasonable times visit and enter any house or place in which hand-loom weaving is being carried on, or in which hand-woven pieces of linen are kept for sale, and may examine any web or piece, and may require the production of the contract note in pursuance of which such web or piece was woven;
30 and he shall stamp in such manner as the local authority may

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A.D. 1895. — prescribe all completed pieces of linen which do not exceed a length of fifty yards by more than one yard.

The inspector shall be entitled to receive from the person in whose custody any piece of linen is when stamped a fee of *twopence*.

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Penalty for selling unstamped pieces of linen.

3. Any person who shall, without lawful excuse, sell or expose for sale any whole piece of hand-loom woven linen which has not been stamped in pursuance of this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *two pounds*, which may be sued for and recovered before a court of petty sessions in a summary manner.

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Such penalty, if sued for by an inspector of linen, shall be paid to him for his own use.

Saving for damask weavers.

4. Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to any damask weaver or to damask.

Definitions.

5. For the purposes of this Act the local authority shall be the board of guardians of each poor law union, and the district of the local authority shall be such poor law union.

Commencement of Act.

6. This Act shall commence on the *thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five*.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Hand-loom Weaving (Ireland) Act, 1895.

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